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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Nobuhiko NOMURA et.al.	)	Group Art Unit: <b>Not Yet Assigned</b>
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Serial No.: <b>Not Yet Assigned</b>	)	Examiner: <b>Not Yet Assigned</b>
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Filed: <b>January 28, 2004</b>	)	
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For: <b>APOPTOSIS INDUCER AND METHOD</b>	)	
<b>OF SCREENING FOR A SUBSTANCE</b>	)	
<b>INHIBITING ACYLATED HOMOSERINE</b>	)	
<b>LACTONE</b>	)	

**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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